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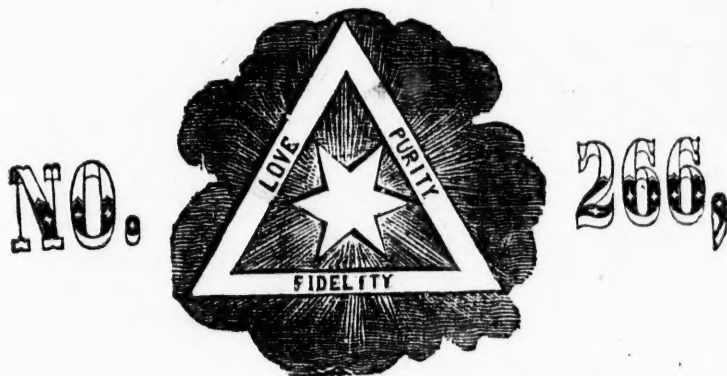
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INTRODUCTION.

"THE Order of the SONS OF TEMPERANCE—of which the Division whose Constitution and By-laws are in the following pages presented, is but one organization of many hundreds of similar purport throughout our country,—is an institution founded in the year 1842, whose objects are moral and benevolent, whose peculiar design is to insure, by concentration of effort, success and strength to the great moral reform of Temperance. Organization—complete, thorough systematic organization,—is the principle of its power; and while the fullest confidence is manifested in the adequacy of the Order for the purpose contemplated by its institution, it is in no wise designed to supercede or diminish the highly useful operations of other Temperance associations, which cannot, from their peculiar organization, or from the conscientious views of their members, unite with us; but seeks by its own means, and its own way to further the common object.

Prominent among the results desired and objects contemplated by our organization, may be mentioned a universal temperance reformation—a brotherhood in Love, Purity, and Fidelity—the encouragement of morality—the pecuniary relief of sick brethren—and the diffusion of good will to all mankind. And our purposes, plans, and movements are based upon the PLEDGE, relying for its fulfilment upon the honor of each Brother *as a man*, not to make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquor, wine or cider. This, simply, is our obligation. We have no oaths, no unmeaning rites, no secret modes of recognition. Our privacy is only such as prudence, manliness and kindness require, consisting principally of pass words, the bestowal of benefits without the publicity of the world, accompanied by the necessary injunction that the affairs of the Order be not spoken of in the presence of those who are not Brethren. The ceremonies in which we indulge are those that give dignity and impressiveness to the pledge which is taken, and are sensible in purport, and appropriate in conception.

While all subjects of political and religious controversy are excluded from our meetings, the great moral precepts of the Christian religion are fully recognized and inculcated, and a fraternal spirit continually exhibited, enforced and insisted upon, as essential to harmony, happiness and success. The Order demands that every Brother shall

sustain a good moral character. Integrity, honor, truth, and virtue, are held up as standard moral principles, and an implicit obedience to the laws of the civil government as the duty of every good citizen.

The organized, controlling authority of our Order is simple, and consists of a National Division, Grand Divisions for States or Provinces, and Subordinate Divisions. Grand Divisions receive their charters from the National Division, and are under the constitutional jurisdiction of the same; Subordinate Divisions hold their charters from Grand Divisions, and are under their jurisdiction. Individuals are received into Subordinate Divisions, and are in general, immediately under their constitutional government. The Subordinate Divisions are popular and primary: the Grand Divisions and the National Division are representative. The former is composed of such acting and past superior officers of Subordinate Divisions as may be elected delegates, the latter of such acting and past superior officers of Grand Divisions as likewise may be elected delegates. The Subordinates have regular meetings weekly, the Grand Divisions quarterly, and the National Division yearly. The officers of the Subordinate Divisions serve quarterly, those of the Grand Division yearly, and those of the National Division bi-yearly terms.

As an Order, we hold that kindness, reason, argument, the pecuniary benefit conferred, the spirit of brotherhood enkindled, as well as persuasion, and a good and pure example, are our legitimate means of increase,—pursuing our course mildly, but firmly, and on all proper occasions raising our hands and voices to repress or prevent the terrible evils under which society labors from indulgence in strong drink, and which we are pledged and banded to eradicate as far as possible.

This, then, is our Order; this the simplicity of the organization under which we have prospered and strengthened, until from the pioneer brotherhood of sixteen individuals in an "upper room," we have extended and now number over five hundred thousand pledged and true men, and can tell of some six thousand independent Subordinate Divisions! As an organized association, we court investigation and scrutiny. We ask of the uninitiated to peruse the following pages in a spirit of candor, and with an unprejudiced eye; and if what is here presented seemeth to them "good," that they will unite with us, that we may with increased energy and strength, hasten the glad consummation of our labors."

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, whose names are annexed, desirous of forming a society, to shield us from the evils of intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and elevate our characters as men—do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as the "New Moon Division, No. 266," of the Sons of Temperance Canada, West.

ARTICLE II.—PLEDGE.

No brother shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider.*

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

The Officers shall consist of a W. P., W. A., R. S., A. R. S., F. S., T., C., A. C., I. S., and O. S., all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz: last regular meetings in September, December, March, and June; and installed the first regular meetings in October, January, April, and July.

* The following resolution, explanatory of the Pledge of the Order, was unanimously adopted at the fourth annual session of the National Division.

Resolved, That the National Division hereby declare that the true intent and meaning of the Pledge is to prohibit the manufacture, purchase, sale, and use of all alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, whether enumerated by name in the Pledge or not.

"That Cider, as a beverage, from the time it is expressed from the apple, through all its stages of fermentation, is included in the pledge."

Resolved, "That no person who buys any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider as a beverage, for the accomodation of a customer, although he may not design or wish to make any profit, can become a member of the Sons of Temperance.

Resolved, "That no person acting as a salesman for a dealer in the above named articles, and disposing of the same to be used as a beverage, can remain a member of the Order.

M. W. S.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—It shall be the duty of the W.P. to preside in the Division, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and exact a compliance to the Rules and usages of the Order; to see that all officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Division when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes; direct the R.S., to call special meetings when application shall be made in writing by five members of the Division; draw upon the T., for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws, and other appropriations made by the Division. He shall on the night he vacates the chair, see that the Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Division, and the percentage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the Quarterly Session, certified by him, with the seal of the Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge shall require.

SEC. 2. It shall be the Duty of the W.A., to render the W.P., such assistance as he may require of him, and in the absence of the W.P., the W.A., shall perform his duties.

SEC. 3. The R.S., shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Division; write communications; notifying subordinate Divisions not more than ten miles off its place of meeting, within four weeks after, of the name, occupation and residence of every person suspended, rejected or expelled from this Division. He shall fill up certificates; notify meetings when ordered by the W. P.; attest to all monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other. He shall make out at the end of his term, for the Division, a full report of the proceedings during his term; and also the Quarterly Returns to the Grand Division, which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, initiated by dispensation, suspended, reinstated, and who have withdrawn during his term—together with the names and occupations of those suspended, expelled and rejected, with the dates and causes of expulsion, the number who violate the pledge, how many sign over, and how many violate it the second time; the number of deaths, and the whole number of actual con-

tributing members, the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues, with the percentage due the Grand Division; the amount expended for benefits, with the amount on hand; and with the W.P., certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge, and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, papers or other property in his possession, belonging to his office,

SEC. 4. The A.R.S., shall be an aid to the R.S., under whose direction he shall act. He shall render such assistance to the R. S., in the performance of his duty, as he or the Division may require of him.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the F.S., to keep just and true accounts between the Division and its members, credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the T., immediately, taking his receipt. He shall just previous to the close of his term, notify every member who is two months or more in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding twelve and a half cents to each notice. At the end of his term he shall make out for the Division a full report, and furnish the R. S., with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, with any other information connected with his office, necessary to enable the R. S., to prepare correct returns for the Grand Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge may require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters appertaining to his office in his possession.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the T., to pay all orders drawn on him by the W.P., attested by the R. S., and none others; he shall receive all monies of the Division, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered by the Division. He shall keep a full and correct account of all monies received and expended. He shall give the Division a monthly statement of the Funds, and deliver up, when legally called upon, all monies, books, papers and other property of the Division, to his successor in office, or to whom the Division may specially appoint. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the C. to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected. He

shall also introduce visitors, and furnish them with suitable regalia. He shall, with the aid of the A. C., examine those present at the opening of the Division. He shall see that the officers' regalia are in their proper places at the opening of the Division, and take charge of the same at the close. He shall have charge of such property of the Division as may not be otherwise provided for, and render a full report to the Division at the end of his term.

SEC. 8.—It shall be the duty of the A. C. to render such service as the C. or the Division may require of him.

SEC. 9.—It shall be the duty of the I. S. to attend the door—to admit none but members of the Order and candidates for initiation.

SEC. 10.—The O. S. shall guard the door outside, and keep off intruders.

ART. V.—ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1.—No person shall be initiated into the Division under eighteen years of age, nor for a less sum than two dollars.

SEC. 2.—No person shall be admitted into the Division who does not possess a good moral character or who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or who has no visible means of support; provided, that persons of old age, or under disability or disease, may be admitted, but remain in the position of members not entitled to benefits.

SEC. 3.—The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member in writing, stating age, residence and business, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report in writing at a succeeding meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than *four* black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected; but if *five* or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed in any Division of the Order, under six months.*

SEC. 4.—A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

* A proposition for membership may be received at a special meeting.—M.W.S.

SEC. 5.—A vote of rejection may be reconsidered within three meetings, exclusive of the meeting at which the vote was taken. But a vote that has resulted in an election shall not be reconsidered.

SEC. 6.—The name of a candidate or brother constitutionally suspended, rejected or expelled, shall not be published in any other manner than the usual notice to the Divisions.

SEC. 7.—Any brother applying for membership by deposit of card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.

ARTICLE VI.—CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

SEC. 1.—The regular dues to this Division shall not be less than three-pence per week.

SEC. 2.—Every *bona fide* member, who shall be qualified as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to, and receive weekly, not less than one dollar, except it be shown that such sickness or disability be brought on by his own improper conduct; nevertheless this Division may suspend benefits by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after two weeks notice of such action.

SEC. 3.—No brother residing within five miles of the Division of which he is a member, shall be entitled to benefits for more than one week previous to his case being reported to such Division. No benefits shall be granted for a less time than one week. All arrears, either for dues or fines, shall in every case be deducted from the first payment.

SEC. 4.—In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, the sum of not less than fifteen dollars shall be appropriated as a funeral benefit. The W. P., in the absence of competent relations or friends, shall take charge of the funeral, and keep an account of the disbursements.

SEC. 5.—On the death of the wife of a brother, also beneficial, he shall be entitled to the sum of not less than ten dollars as a funeral benefit.

ARTICLE VII.—OFFENCE.

SEC. 1.—Any member who shall offend against these Articles, or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined,—

reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as two thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting, may determine.

SEC. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion. But no member shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence, be submitted in writing by a member of the Division.

SEC. 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother in a proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers are brought before the Division, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question, and if their decision does not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and no appeal be taken from it to the Division, it shall be final, without other action. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion, for the purpose to the Division, for action.

SEC. 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at one regular meeting previous to action being taken; and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Division, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question—at which time, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Division may proceed to consider and determine it. Two thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; but the Division shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.*

SEC. 5. When the decision of a committee appointed under Section 3 of this Article, otherwise final, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested, shall have the privilege of appeal to the Division—and the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the Division, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded; and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Division—and the Division shall determine the correctness of the

* A member suspended for the period of six months or longer, for non-payment of dues, may be admitted as a new member, M.W.S.

decision of the committee, by a majority of the votes present.

SEC. 6.—Any member having been expelled, shall not be proposed for membership under six months from the date of expulsion.

SEC. 7.—The provisions of this Article shall not extend to violation of Article II.

ARTICLE VIII.—TERMS.

Regular Quarterly Terms shall commence on the first of October, January, April and July. Officers elected previous to the expiration of half the Term, shall be entitled to the full honours of the Term; those elected after half the Term has expired, shall not count the honours, except where they be elected to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation, suspension, expulsion or death, in which case the brother who serves the residue of the Term shall be entitled to the full honours, and he who resigns or is suspended or expelled, shall forfeit his claim.

ARTICLE IX.—ELIGIBILITY FOR CHIEF OFFICES.

SEC. 1.—After a Division has been instituted three terms, no brother shall be eligible to the office of W. P. unless he has served a regular quarterly term as W. A., nor shall any brother be eligible to the office of W. A., unless he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices, or as Chaplain.

SEC. 2.—No brother shall be eligible to the offices of W. P., W. A., or T., who is under twenty-one years of age, except by dispensation from the Grand Division; provided, nevertheless, that no person elevated to the office of W. P., by such dispensation, shall be elected a Representative to the G. D., and that no G. D. shall have the right or authority to grant a dispensation under this act, except Divisions located in Villages or Institutions of Learning.

ARTICLE X.—VIOLATING ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1.—Any member who knows a brother to have violated Article II, and neglects to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division, within three weeks after the violation shall have come to his knowledge, shall be fined one dollar.

SEC. 2.—The charge for violation of Article II, shall

be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall as soon as practicable, summon the parties and investigate the matter.

SEC. 3.—The committee shall organize by appointing a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall make a correct record of the proceedings, with such testimony as may be presented, which record shall be produced to the Division on the call of any member, after the committee have reported.

SEC. 4.—If the committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Division by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the brother be re-instated or expelled, as the case may be, which report and resolutions shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending brother shall be notified of the character of the resolutions by the R. S., and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving him an opportunity to make a defence.

SEC. 5.—If the Committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be adopted, the charge shall be dismissed.

SEC. 6.—When the committee report the charge sustained, and a majority of the members present at a regular meeting, ballot in favour thereof, the offending person shall forfeit his membership, and the W. P. shall direct his name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of the Division vote in opposition to the resolution, all further proceedings shall be stayed, subject to appeal.*

SEC. 7.—If two thirds of those voting are in favour of re-instating a member who has been found guilty of violating Article II, he shall be restored to membership by resigning the Constitution, and paying for the first offence, one dollar, and for the second offence, two dollars, which shall be paid to the F.S. by the meeting succeeding the vote, or the member to stand suspended until the fine is paid. The power to reinstate, however, shall not extend over the term of one month from the time the offence was proven.

* Erasure of name for violation of Article II, as per Article X, Sec. 6, is not expulsion. An expelled member cannot be reinstated M.W.S.

SEC. 8.—When the Division vote in favour of re-instatement and the member neglects to come forward to sign the Constitution for one month thereafter he may be declared expelled by a two-third vote.

SEC. 9.—If a Division refuse to re-instate a member, he shall be declared expelled by the W.P., and the R.S. shall give the usual notice.

SEC. 10.—A member convicted of violation of the pledge after the second time, can be reinstated by a two third vote of the Division, the Division prescribing the penalty.

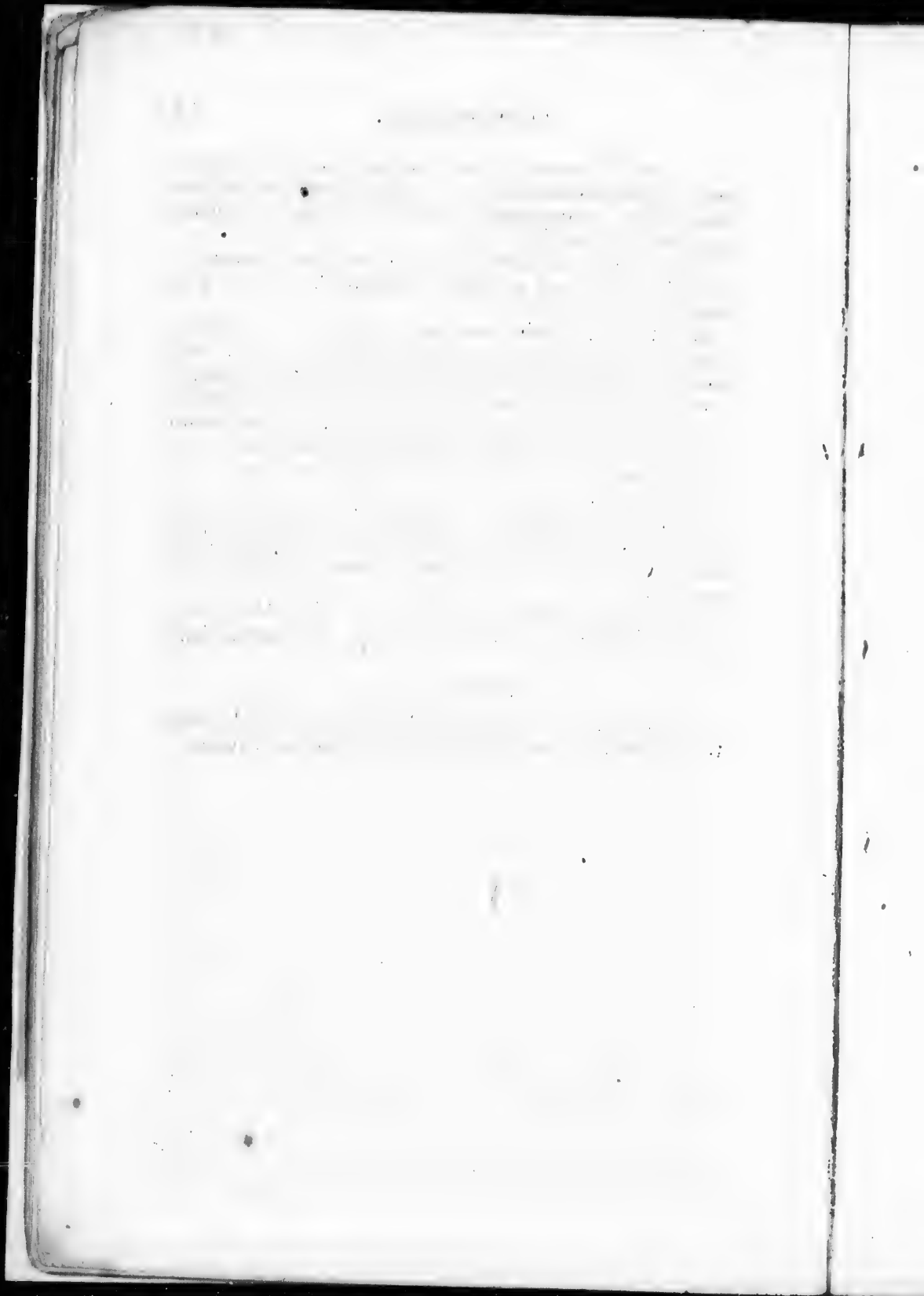
SEC. 11.—If a brother come forward and acknowledge that he has violated Article II, the Division, after erasure of name, &c., may at their option, re-instate him on the same evening if two-thirds of the members voting are in favour thereof.

SEC. 12.—An officer or representative to the Grand Division violating Article II, shall not be eligible to fill any official position for twelve months from the time he is reinstated.

SEC. 13.—A member expelled under this Article shall not be eligible for membership under six months thereafter.

ARTICLE XI.

No alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless by a two-third vote of the National Division



B Y - L A W S
OF THE
NEW MOON DIVISION, NO. 266,
SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

ARTICLE I.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1.—This Division shall assemble on Thursday evening of each week, for the transaction of general business; nothing of a sectarian or political nature shall be introduced at any of the meetings of this Division.

SEC. 2.—The hour of meeting shall be, from the 1st of October until the 1st of April, at half-past 7 o'clock; and from the 1st of April until 1st of October, at 8 o'clock.

SEC. 3.—The Division shall be opened within ten minutes of the appointed time. In case of the absence of the W. P., the W. A. or a P. W. P. shall preside in his place, *pro tem*. No brother shall be permitted to remain in the Division, or take part in the proceedings unless in regalia.

SEC. 4.—Reading the Scriptures and prayer shall form a part of the opening ceremony, provided the Chaplain, or in his absence, any brother qualified to officiate as such shall be present.

SEC. 5.—The Division shall close punctually at 10 o'clock, unless a two-third vote of the Division to the contrary.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Every member, on being admitted, shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, certify that he is in good health, and free from hereditary or periodical disease, inform the F. S. of his residence, and in case of removal give notice thereof to him within one month after.

SEC. 2. Every Brother, at the time of proposing a candidate for membership, shall deposit 2s 6d with the F. S. as

a part of the initiation fee. Should the candidate be rejected the amount shall be returned—should he be elected, and he fail to appear for initiation for one month after receiving notice of his election, the sum shall be forfeited.

SEC. 3. When a proposition for membership is made to the Division, the same shall be referred to a Committee of investigation, who shall, if possible, see the candidate in person. They shall strictly inquire into his health and character and report in writing to the Division on the next night of meeting, when—unless the Division deem it advisable to allow further inquiries—the candidate shall be balloted for, and the person proposing such candidate shall notify him of the result.

SEC. 4. Should a candidate be rejected, no reconsideration of such rejection can be had on the same evening, nor shall a vote of rejection be reconsidered more than once.

SEC. 5. Propositions for membership by deposit of card shall be referred to a Committee of investigation, who shall report, and the matter be disposed of as provided in Section fourth of this Article.

SEC. 6. Each Candidate, after having been ballotted for and admitted, shall, prior to his initiation, pay to the F. S. a sum corresponding to his age, as determined by the following scale, viz.,

From the age of 18 to 30 years,	£0 10 0
From 30 to 35 years,	0 12 6
From 35 to 40 years,	0 15 0
From 40 to 45 years,	0 17 6
From 45 to 50 years,	1 0 0

Five shillings each five years till 60, and 2s. 6d. for each year after.

SEC. 7. Members admitted by Card shall pay the sum of five shillings.

SEC. 8. When a brother wishes to withdraw from this Division, he shall signify such desire either personally or in writing, and if he be clear of the books he shall obtain a card of withdrawal by paying to the F.S. the sum of 7½d.

SEC. 9. Any member, having been suspended, shall on his being reinstated, pay the amount standing against him at the time of his suspension, together with the sum he would have been subject to had he remained a member in good standing.

SEC. 10. When the A. C. retires to ascertain who are in waiting to be initiated, it shall be the duty of the F. S. to retire with him and obtain the initiation fees of all candidates prior to their introduction to the Division Room.

ARTICLE III.—WEEKLY DUES AND FEES.

SEC. 1. Every Brother shall pay to the funds of the Division the sum of three shillings and three pence per Quarter, or 3d per week, which payment together with all other indebtedness to the Division shall, in all cases be made to the F. S. at or before the last regular meeting in each and every quarterly term.

SEC. 2. The Widow and Orphan's Fund shall be formed by setting apart ten per cent of the amount received as dues, and by all fines, and donations made for that purpose. It shall not be used for the contingent expenses of the Division, but shall be held in trust for the purpose for which it was set apart, namely, for the relief of the widows and orphans of the deceased brothers who, at the time of their decease, were entitled to benefits from the Order.

SEC. 3. Should the funds of the Division become exhausted, in consequence of demands made upon them through sickness or other causes, the Division may lay such tax upon the members as will meet the liabilities; and it shall be the duty of the F. S. to notify the members in writing two weeks previous to the night that such motion shall be considered.

ARTICLE IV.—BENEFITS.

SEC. 1. Every fully qualified member shall, in case of sickness not attributable to improper conduct, receive the weekly sum of ten shillings during the continuance of his sickness. But in case of sickness of less than one week's duration no benefits shall be allowed, except the Visiting Committee shall report the case as being of pressing necessity.

SEC. 2. No member initiated in this Division shall be entitled to benefits until he shall have been a member for twelve months.

SEC. 3. No benefit shall be paid by the Treasurer unless upon an order signed by a majority of the Visiting Committee; and should a majority of said Committee refuse, on application for aid, they shall report to the Division in writing, stating their reasons for such refusal.

SEC. 4. A Brother residing more than 10 miles distant from this Division, shall, in case of sickness, send to the W. P. a true statement of his case, signed by his attending physician, or the W. P. of the nearest Division, or by a resident Clergyman. Should such statement satisfy the Division the Brother shall be allowed benefits during his sickness.

SEC. 5. Should a Brother in good standing, though not belonging to this Division, but at the same time residing in our vicinity, apply for aid, and the case appears to the Visiting Committee such as to deserve it, a sum not exceeding 10s. may be granted by them by draft on the T., signed by a majority of the Committee, and reported to the Division at the next meeting.

SEC. 6. The widow of a Brother who was, at the time of his death, entitled to benefits, shall, after proper investigation of her circumstances, receive from the Widow and Orphan's fund such sum or sums as the Division may direct, while she remains his Widow, conducts herself properly, and strictly adheres to the teetotal abstinence principles.

SEC. 7. Orphans of a deceased Brother who, at his death, was entitled to benefits, shall on the recommendation of the Committee, (till 12 years of age) receive such sum or sums as the Division may determine. And when such orphans shall have no guardians, they shall be under the charge of the Visiting Committee, who shall watch them with parental care, and from time to time report their circumstances to the Division.

SEC. 8. No brother shall receive benefits for a shorter period than one week, nor shall any member be chargeable with dues or fines while drawing benefits.

SEC. 9. Upon the death of a Brother, a sum not less than £3 15s., and on the death of a Brother's wife a sum not less than £2 10s. shall be appropriated to aid in defraying the funeral expenses.

ARTICLE V.—FINES, PENALTIES, AND DISABILITIES.

SEC. 1. The seat of any officer of this Division may be declared vacant for neglect of duty for three successive meetings, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, after one week's previous notice has been given.

SEC. 2. Any officer of this Division who shall be absent at any regular meeting of the Division at roll call, shall be fined 7½d., unless he can satisfy the Division that his absence was unavoidable.

SEC. 3. Every Brother who shall accept an appointment on a Committee, and not attend to its duties, shall be fined 7½d.

SEC. 4. Any Brother having been duly notified of the death of a Brother of this Division, and fail to attend the Funeral shall be fined 2s 6d.

SEC. 5. Any Brother ascertaining that a member is sick and not reporting to the Division or Visiting Committee, within twenty-four hours, shall be fined 2s 6d.

SEC. 6. Any Brother who shall make use of profane or unbecoming language in the Division, or refuse to obey the call to order of the W. P., when in the chair, or use disrespectful expressions towards the officers or members present, shall be fined 2s 6d.

SEC. 7. Any Brother changing his residence, and failing to report his removal within four weeks, to the F. S., shall be fined 1s 3d.

SEC. 8. Any Brother having been notified by the A. R. S. to attend a sick Brother during the night, and neglect to attend to his duty, shall be fined 5s—sickness or absence from home shall exempt a member from this penalty, but any other cause pleaded in extenuation of his non-attendance, must be submitted to the decision of the Division.

SEC. 9. Any Brother subject to the foregoing fines, may appeal to the Division, when decision shall be final.

SEC. 10. Any Brother being more than three months in arrears of Dues, Taxes, Fines, &c., shall not be entitled to benefits, nor hold any office until he has paid all claims against him.

SEC. 11. Every member who is six months in arrears, for dues, taxes or fines, shall be notified thereof by the F. S., if practicable; and if at the end of seven months his accounts remain unsettled he shall be suspended during the pleasure of the Division.

SEC. 12. Any Brother drawing benefits, being found to have imposed upon the Division by a feigned sickness or disability, may be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Division shall determine.

SEC. 13. Any Brother being publicly convicted of fraud,

felony, or other disgraceful crime, following any notoriously immoral practices, gambling, or using any other unlawful means of obtaining a living, shall be fined, suspended or expelled.

SEC. 14. Any Brother divulging the name of a member who has voted against a candidate's admission into this Division, causing dissatisfaction by misrepresenting discussions held in the Division, or revealing to non-members of the Order any discussion concerning the private character of candidates, shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as a two-third majority, at a regular meeting, shall determine.

SEC. 15. Any Brother maliciously bringing a charge against a Brother which he cannot sustain or substantiate, or knowingly propose an unworthy character, shall be fined, suspended or expelled, according to the nature of his offence.

SEC. 16. Any member of this Division knowing a Brother to have violated Art. 2, of the Constitution, and failing to inform the W. P. within two weeks, shall be fined 5s.

SEC. 17. When there are strong grounds of belief that the illness or disability of a Brother is feigned, or has arisen from improper conduct on his part, the Division shall appoint a committee to investigate the matter, and report as speedily as possible; and should there be found evidence that the Brother is guilty, it shall be the duty of said committee to prefer charges against him to the Division, which charges shall be disposed of in accordance with Art, 7th, Sec, 3d of the Constitution.

SEC. 18. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of every Committee to whom charges against a Brother are referred, to serve a copy of the charges on the accused, and a minute of the whole proceedings shall be kept for the use of the Division, and filed with the R. S.

ARTICLE VI.—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Nomination of Officers, except in case of vacancies, shall take place at a regular meeting, one week previous to election. Nominees for each office shall be voted for separately, and the one receiving the majority of votes shall be held elected.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the W. P., in addition to

the requirements of the Constitution, to give the quarterly Pass-Word and Explanation to every Brother qualified to receive them.

SEC. 3. Should the T., R. S., or F. S. voluntarily resign or withdraw from the Division, previous to the expiration of a regular term, he or they shall yield up all Books, papers, or other property of the Division, formerly entrusted to his or their charge, on that evening during which his or their resignation or withdrawal shall be under consideration

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall, prior to his installation, give to the W. P. and W. A. a joint and several bond, with two sureties, in the sum of £25, to be approved by the Division, conditioned for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office. He shall retain in his hands a sum not exceeding £12 10s, at all times, to meet drafts made on him. All sums over £12 10s, shall be invested as the Division shall direct.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the A. R. S. to serve all notices required by the Division.

ARTICLE VII.—COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The W. P. on the night of his installation, shall appoint a Committee of Finance, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the whole financial affairs of the Division, and report thereon as soon as possible.

SEC. 2. The W. P., W. A., T., C., A. C., A. R. S., and F. S., shall constitute a standing Committee of Visitation, of which the W. P. shall be Chairman. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of said Committee to visit all Brothers reported sick or in distress, residing within six miles of this Division room, within twenty-four hours after receiving information of the same. The members of said Committee shall continue to visit such sick Brothers, and render them such assistance as these by-laws provide, and each member make a verbal or written report at each regular meeting. Should watchers be required the W. P. shall cause to be notified—the A. R. S. shall serve such notices—two Brothers, in rotation, (officers excepted) as their names stand on the roll, to attend each sick member during the night, to administer such assistance as may be in their power: in cases of contagious or infectious disease it shall not be incumbent on members of the Committee

personally to visit the sick Brother : and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon Brothers, as above provided, the Committee shall employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Division.

SEC. 3. The F. S. shall furnish the W. P. with a correct list of members for the use of said Committee, and if required the Committee shall notify them, two by two, as they stand on the list, to attend upon sick Brothers during the night, and render them such assistance as may be in their power. Members, when thus notified, shall attend faithfully to this duty, find a substitute, or be fined, as provided for in Sec. 8 of Art. 5 of these By-Laws.

SEC. 4. The W. P., on the night of his installation, shall appoint a Committee on Funerals, to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to ascertain, on the death of a Brother or a Brother's Wife, or a Cadet of Temperance, whether the relations and friends of the deceased wish the Division to take charge of the Funeral, and if so the Committee to make the necessary arrangements, and report them to the W. P. immediately, who shall then act with them in superintending the Funeral solemnities.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the W. P., on the night of his installation, to appoint a Property Committee, consisting of three members, to take charge of all regalia and other effects of the Division, not specially entrusted to particular officers, or to other Committees ; to procure for the Division such articles as may be necessary, not to exceed the sum of £2 10s, in any one quarter, or as the Division may direct ; to cause to be made all such repairs to the regalia or other property of the Division as to them may seem requisite, or as the Division may direct, and to make a full report of their proceedings at the last meeting of each quarterly term.

SEC. 6. The W. P. shall, on the night on which a proposition for Membership is made, appoint a Committee of investigation, to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine all such propositions, and report to the Division as specified in Art. 2, Sec. 4.

SEC. 7. All reports of Committees shall be made in writing, and signed by a majority of the Committee.

SEC. 8. All Committees of three shall be appointed by the W. P., unless otherwise directed ; but all Committees of more than three shall be appointed by the Division.

ARTICLE VIII.—TRUSTEES.

SEC. 1. At the last regular meeting in December, three members shall be elected annually, to be called Trustees of funds and Investments, whose duty it shall be to hold in trust, for the Division, all stock, securities, investments and funds; and to transfer deposit, exchange, or loan, the same or any part thereof, when required to do so by the laws of this Division, or a two-third majority of the members at any regular meeting. Previous to their entering upon the duties of their office, they shall give a bond, with two sureties, to the W. P. and W. A., and their successors in office, to be approved of by the Division, for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 2. Any vacancies that may occur in the Board of Trustees, shall be filled by a new election of members, whose term of office shall expire with that of the other members of the Board, and be subject to the same requirements upon entering on the duties of their office, as provided for in Sec. 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE IX.—ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. All Elections of Officers for this Division shall be by ballot.

SEC. 2. When an Election of Officers is being held, the W. P. shall appoint three members inspectors, who shall be called inspectors of ballot.

SEC. 3. The ballot shall be a paper ticket, containing the name or names of the member or members for whom the electors vote.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Inspectors to conduct the Election justly, settle all disputes that may arise (the decision of a majority being final), canvass the votes and announce the result to the W. P. A majority of the votes being in every case decisive of an election.

SEC. 5. The R. S. and A. R. S. shall have a regular poll list, containing each elector's name, and should the inspectors find, on canvassing, more ballots than electors, the W. P. shall order a new election immediately.

ARTICLE X.—REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
GRAND DIVISION, HOW AND WHEN
ELECTED.

SEC. 1. The Division shall, at the first regular meeting in October, annually, ballot separately, and with ball-bal-

lots, for Representatives to the Grand Division. All acting and Past Worthy Patriarchs shall be eligible—but such only shall be entitled to seats in the Grand Division (except those holding offices in the Grand or National Division,) as shall receive a majority of the votes cast: the same being set forth in their credentials as follows:

NEW MOON DIVISION, No. 266, S. of T., }
 _____, 18— }

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA.

This is to certify, that W. P. (or P. W. P., and if more than one, the credentials may be made out together or separately.) _____ has been duly elected to represent this Division in the Grand Division until October next.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have caused this to be signed by our R. S. and the Seal of the Division to be attached.

[L. S.]

_____ R. S.

SEC. 2. The division shall pay, to not more than two of the representatives to the Grand Division, a sum sufficient to defray his or their reasonable expenses, incurred while attending the Grand Division. Immediately after the election of the representatives of this Division to the Grand Division, all representatives so elected shall be put in nomination and balloted for with paper tickets, and the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be the paid representatives of this Division. Should it appear, on canvassing, that two brothers have not been elected in consequence of two or more brothers having received the same number of votes, the paper tickets of those brothers having the majority of votes, and, being equal in number, shall be replaced into the ballot box, and one of the inspectors shall draw indifferently from the box until the requisite number of paid representatives are elected. Any Brother accepting the nomination of a paid representative, and being duly elected, neglecting to attend the regular meeting of the said Grand Division, shall be fined a sum not less than one pound, unless a satisfactory reason can be given.

ARTICLE XI.—VACANCIES.

SEC. 1. All vacancies shall be filled at regular meetings. Officers so elected, and serving the residue of the term, shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE XII.—FUNERALS.

SEC. 1. In the case of the death of a Brother or Brother's Wife, or Cadet of Temperance, the W. P. shall direct the R. S. to call a Special meeting of the Division, to attend the Funeral, if within four miles of this Division room.

SEC. 2. The members shall assemble one half hour previous to the time appointed for the Funeral, and proceed to the house of the deceased, with crape on the left arm above the elbow, which shall constitute the mourning badge of the Division, and be worn by the members at all funeral processions under their management.

ARTICLE XIII.—PAYMENT OF MONEY.

SEC. 1. No money shall be paid out of the Treasury except by a vote of the Division, or for sick or funeral benefits. All orders for money, voted by the Division, shall be signed by the W. P. and the R. S. The Treasurer shall take receipts in all cases of money paid out by him as his vouchers for such payments.

ARTICLE XIV.—HARMONY AND RESPECT.

It is particularly enjoined on all members of this Division, that they treat each other with respect and courtesy, avoiding malicious remarks, personal allusions, and all language calculated to wound the feelings of any member of the Division, but that all discussion be conducted in a spirit of candor, moderation, and mutual forbearance; and in order to promote the benevolent designs of our Association, and prevent discord in the Division, the W. P. shall peremptorily repress any violation of this order.

ARTICLE XV.—REGALIA.

SEC. 1. The Regalia shall be the property of the Division. Brothers ceasing to be members of this Division shall not be entitled to draw a regalia.

ARTICE XVI.—AMENDMENTS.

No additions, or amendments, shall be made to these By-laws, nor shall any part of them be repealed or suspend-

ed, unless a notice of motion to that effect shall have been laid before the Division, at least two weeks prior to the discussion of the subject, when the repeal or suspension, as the case may be, must be carried by a majority of two-thirds.

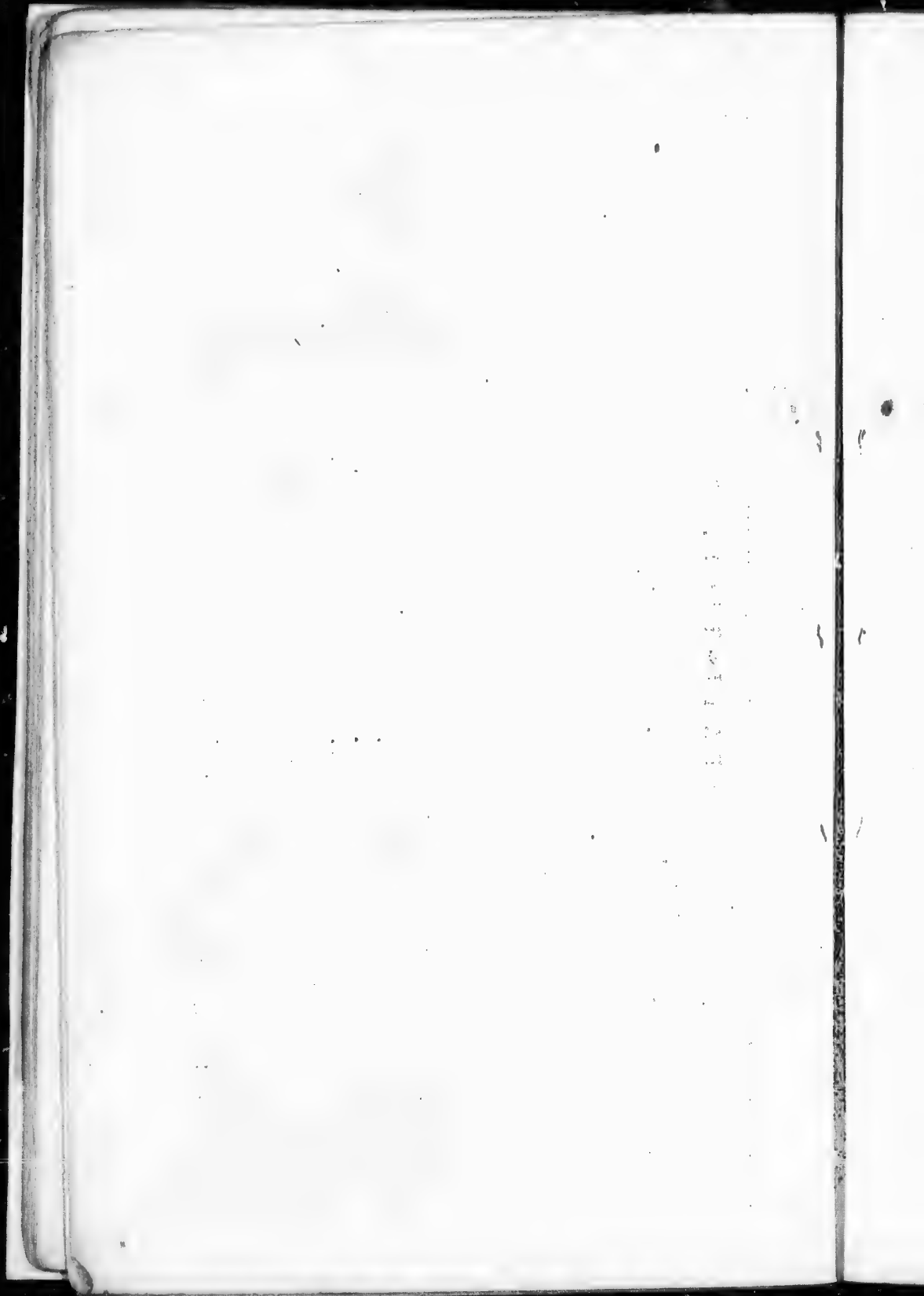
The above is a true copy of the Bye-Laws of New Moon Division, No. 266, S. of T.,—signed by our W. P. and R. S.

W. P.

R. S.

STATISTICS.

DATE OF SESSION.	Grand Divisions.	Subordinate Divisions.	Contributing Members.	Cash Received.	Paid for Benefits.	Cash on hand.	REMARKS.
1842—Sept. 29	.. 1	.. 7	16	\$..	\$..	\$..	Organized at N. York.
1843—Oct. 10	.. 6	.. 71	1499	..	..	..	First Grand Divis. Est.
1844—June 17	.. 10	.. 194	6000	..	..	..	First Sess. of Nat. Div.
1845—June 11	.. 14	.. 650	17000	..	..	..	Second "
1846—June 10	.. 24	.. 1300	40000	..	..	..	Third "
1847—June 17	.. 35	.. 2600	100000	475987.57	140005.38	208666.68	Fourth "
1848—June 20	.. 35	.. 4098	149272	716583.00	200886.68	324614.12	Fifth "
1849—May 15	.. 35	.. 4098	221478	..	..	..	Sixth "
1850—June 11	.. 47	.. 5946	232233	..	..	..	Seventh "
1851—June 17	.. 47	.. 5946	238903	478401.11	141206.92	543713.48	Eighth "
1852—June 1	.. 47	.. 5946	238903	..	..	..	Ninth "



ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Division.
2. Roll of Officers called.
3. Service of Chaplain.
4. Reading Minutes of previous meeting.
5. Reception of Communications.
6. Reports of Investigating Committees.
7. Balloting for Candidates.
8. Initiation of Candidates.
9. The W. P. shall inquire: 1st, Are any of the Brethren sick? 2nd. Has any Brother, violated his Pledge? 3rd. Has any Brother a friend to propose, as a proper person to become a Son of Temperance?
10. Reports of Visiting Committees.
11. Reports of Standing Committees.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. Nomination of Officers.
14. Election of Officers.
15. Unfinished Business.
16. New Business:
17. Has any Brother anything to propose that would be beneficial to the Order.
18. Adjournment, at a quarter to ten, unless suspended by a majority.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1. The order of business as here arranged, may at any time or occasion be suspended, changed, or be dispensed with, by a special two-thirds vote of the Division. Nine members shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business.

RULE 2. During the reading of the minutes, and continuance of the meeting, silence must be observed, the officers and brothers retaining their respective seats, unless when necessary to leave them, and no one leaving the room without the retiring password.

RULE 3. Every elected Officer and brother shall be designated in debate or otherwise, by his proper office or title.

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF W.P.

Rule 1. It shall be the duty of the W. P. to preserve order, and to endeavor to conduct all business before the Division, to a Speedy and proper result.

Rule 2. He shall state every question properly presented to the Division; and before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Division ready for the question?" Should no member offer to speak, he shall rise to put it, and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

Rule 3. The W. P. shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, but in ordinary shall not vote. He shall announce all votes and decisions. His decisions on points of order shall not be debateable, unless entertaining doubts on the subject, he invite discussion.

Rule 4. He may speak to points of order, in preference to other members of the Division, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the Division by any two members, which appeal shall always be in writing. On such an appeal no brother shall speak more than once.

Rule 5. When an appeal is made from the decision of the W. P., he shall put the question thus, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?"

Rule 6. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, and the privilege of any member of the Division, to call a member to order who violates an established Rule of Order.

MOTIONS.

Rule 7. A motion must be seconded, and afterwards repeated from the chair, or read aloud before it is debated. A motion should be reduced to writing, if any brother require it.

Rule 8. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

Rule 9. Any brother having made a motion may withdraw it, with leave of his second, before it is debated, but not afterwards without leave of the Division.

Rule 10. A motion to amend an amendment, shall be in order, but to amend an amendment to an amendment, shall not be entertained.

Rule 11. An amendment destroying, or altering the intention of a motion shall be in order, but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

Rule 12. On an amendment to "strike out and insert," the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be struck out and those to be inserted, and finally the paragraph as it would stand if so amended.

Rule 13. On the call for a division of the question, the majority shall decide. The call can only be granted when the division called for will leave distinct and entire propositions.

DEBATE.

Rule 14. When a member speaks, or offers a motion, he shall rise in his place, and respectfully addressing the W. P., confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid personality, or unbecoming language.

Rule 15. When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat until the point is determined.

Rule 16. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

Rule 17. No brother shall speak more than twice, nor longer than ten minutes each time, on any question, without leave of the Division, which leave shall be granted or refused without debate. No member shall speak more than once on any question until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken. No brother shall speak or vote unless clothed in Regalia.

Rule 18. While a brother is speaking, no one shall interrupt him, except for the purpose of calling him to order, or asking of the presiding officer leave to explain, or to call the previous question. A brother allowed "to explain," shall only have the right to explain an actual misunderstanding of language, and shall be strictly prohibited from going into debate on the merits of the case.

Rule 19. For any brother, in speaking, to impeach the motives of a fellow member, or treat him with personal disrespect, or pass between him and the chair, while he is speaking, shall be deemed a violation of order, which may incur the censure of the presiding officer, or of the Division.

Rule 20. If any brother shall deem himself personally aggrieved by a decision of the chair, he may appeal from said decision.

Rule 21. Any conversation, by whispering or otherwise, which is calculated to disturb a brother while speaking, or hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order, and if persisted in shall incur censure.

PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS.

Rule 22. When a question is before the Division, the only motions in order shall be, 1st. to adjourn; 2d, the previous question; 3d, to lay on the table; 4th, to postpone indefinitely; 5th, to postpone to a definite period; 6th, to refer; 7th, to divide, if the sense will admit of it; or, 8th, to amend—to take precedence as herein arranged and the first three to be decided without debate.

Rule 23. When the previous question is moved and seconded, it shall be put in this form; "Shall the main question be now put?" If this is carried, all further amendments and debate shall be excluded, and the question be put without delay. If the question has been amended, the question shall be taken on the amendment first. If

more than one amendment has been made, the last made amendment in order shall take precedence in the vote. It shall not be in order to reconsider the agreement to take the "previous question."

Rule 24. When a motion is postponed indefinitely, it shall not come up again during the session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Rule 25. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except—1st, when a member is in possession of the floor, 2d, while the yeas or nays are being called; 3d, when the members are voting; 4th, when adjournment was the last preceeding motion; or, 5th, when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

Rule 26. A motion to adjourn simply, cannot be amended, but a motion to adjourn to a given time may be, and is open to debate.

QUESTIONS NOT DEBATABLE.

Rule 27. A motion to adjourn, when to adjourn simply. 2 A motion to lie on the table when claiming privilege over another motion. 3. A motion for the previous question. 4. A motion to reconsider. 5. A motion to read a paper. 6. A motion to take up particular items of business. 7. Questions of order whilst the previous question is pending. 8. Questions of order when not appealed from the decision of the W. P. or not submitted by him to the Division.

READING OF PAPERS.

Rule 28th. The reading of any paper called for relating to the subject under debate, shall always be in order. When any petition, memorial or communication is presented by a brother of this Division, before it is read or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer, or the W. P., and after it has been read, if approved, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the minutes.

TAKING THE VOTE.

Rule 29. When the presiding officer has commenced taking a vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless a mistake has been made; in which case the

mistake shall be rectified, and the presiding officer shall recommence taking the vote.

Rule 30. When the decision of any question is doubted, the presiding officer shall direct the Conductor to count the votes in the affirmative and negative, and report the same to him.

Rule 31. The yeas and nays upon any question before the Division may be called for by two members, and upon the assent of one-third of the members present shall be so taken. They may be called for at any time before a peremptory decision of the vote by the chair.

Rule 32. In taking the yeas and nays, the R. S. shall call the roll and record the yeas and nays; after the roll is called the result shall be read aloud to rectify mistakes, if any, after which the R. S. shall hand the vote to the W. P. who shall announce the same.

Rule 33. In voting by yeas and nays, all present in regular standing in the Division must vote, unless excused by the Division, but no member shall vote who was not in the room at the time the question was put. A motion to excuse shall be decided without debate.

FILLING BLANKS.

Rule 34. When any blank is to be filled, by the names of persons, a vote shall be taken on the names in the order of their nomination; but when a blank is to be filled by any sum of money or time proposed, the question shall be first put on the largest sum and the most remote time.

RE-CONSIDERATION AND REPEAL.

Rule 35. A question may be re-considered at any time during the session, or at the first regular session held thereafter; but a motion for re-consideration being once made and decided in the negative, shall not be renewed before the next regular session.

Rule 36. A motion to re-consider must be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority, except in the case of a rejection of a candidate by the black balls, when it shall be competent to any members to move and second a resolution. No question shall be re-considered more than once; nor shall a vote to re-consider be

re-considered. To re-consider any resolution, &c., the decision of which has *officially* passed out of the Division, shall not be in order.

Rule 37. A motion to repeal or rescind a resolution shall be offered in writing, and announced at a regular session one week before action shall be taken on the same, and shall only be in order when the motion to reconsider is no longer available.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPORTS.

Rule 38. All Committees shall be appointed by the W. P., unless otherwise ordered by the Division. No absent member shall be appointed on any Committee. The brother first named in the appointment of a committee shall be chairman of the same, and shall call the committee together at such time and place as he may elect; but when thus convened, any committee may elect its own chairman and scribe.

Rule 39. The Division may consider questions as in Committee of the whole, when the chairman shall be invested with full power to enforce these rules. On the rise of the committee, its report shall be entered on the minutes.

Rule 40. All reports of committees, except reports of progress, shall be made in writing, and signed by a majority.

Rule 41. When a majority report is followed by a report from the minority of a committee, the former, after being read, shall lie upon the table until the latter is presented; after which, on motion, either may be considered.

Rule 42. When a report has been read, it shall be considered as properly before the Division without a motion to accept.

FORM OF PROPOSITION.

W. P., OFFICERS AND BROTHERS :

I Propose Mr.——— as a suitable person to become a Member of New Moon Division No. 266. Age ——, occupation———, residence———.

Date———.

Signed———.